

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday August 19, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Education Meeting

Jr. – Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI 02817

MEETING MINUTES

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Convene Meeting

Call to order Chair Cicero, 6:06 PM

Board members present: Teri Cicero, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk, (arrived 6:15 p.m.); Lee Kissinger, (arrived 6:22 p.m.) Claudine Pande, Theresa Donovan, Paul McFadden

Others present: James H. Erinakes, II, Superintendent of Schools; Robert Ross, Director of Administration

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. District Mission Statement

III. Open Forum (15-minute limit)

West Greenwich community members Gregory Coutcher and Robert Prenda voiced concerns regarding the significant cost increase for 2014 – 2015 Student Accident Medical Insurance that was imposed on football players and their families.

Clerk Zuercher arrived, (6:15 p.m.)

Member Kissinger arrived, (6:22 p.m.)

The committee agreed to schedule an Emergency Meeting for Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 6:30 PM to address this matter. Athletic Director Tim Daft will be asked to attend that meeting.

MSV – To move up the Consent Agenda and hold up the Presentation –
Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Superintendent Erinakes reviewed the consent agenda.

V. Routine Items

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2014

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

- a. Doug Watters as Assistant Sr. High School Football Coach; Annual Stipend \$2,856; effective for the 2014-2015 season; pending receipt of all mandatory District paperwork
- b. Dan Garcia as Assistant Sr. High School Football Coach; Annual Stipend \$2,856; effective for the 2014-2015 season; pending receipt of all mandatory District paperwork
- c. Jessica Murray as Jr. High School 0.6 FTE Math Teacher – LOA, (1-year only); Step 1, Degree BA, Annual Salary \$23,306.76; effective August 25, 2014; pending receipt of all mandatory District paperwork

2. Leaves of Absence

3. Resignations – (As recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)

- a. Letter from William Petit resigning his position as Assistant Boys Soccer Coach at the Sr. High School, effective August 6, 2014
- b. *Item Pulled*
- c. *Item Pulled*

4. Non-Renewals

5. Recalls

6. Sabbaticals

7. Contracts

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$70,311.54; Accruals in the amount of \$16,995.62

D. Home School Approvals

1. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 8
2. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 6
3. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 8
4. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 6, 4, 2
5. NEW FAMILY – Grade(s) 5
6. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 8, 5, 2

End Consent Agenda

Member McFadden requested to pull the two National Honor Society Co-Advisors' letters of resignation.

MSV – To accept the Consent Agenda, with pulling items 3. b. and 3. c.
– Rafanelli/Donovan – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

IV. Presentation

A. School Classifications Presentation

Superintendent Erinakes offered a PowerPoint presentation illustrating the Rhode Island School Accountability System - Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District 2014 Classification.

E. Correspondence – (1) August 7, 2014 Welcome Back Communication to Faculty and Staff from Superintendent Erinakes; (2) August 9, 2014 Capital Asset Protection Plan Informational Packet from Mr. Ross to School Committee/Superintendent Erinakes; (3) Chariho Community Educational Projects 11th Annual Golf Tournament September 6, 2014 Meadowbrook and Richmond Country Clubs Brochure; (4) 2014 – 2015 EWG PTA Events Listing

In response to Member Pande's inquiry, Mr. Ross offered an overview of the Correspondence (2) enclosure.

MSV – To move up, Tennis Courts Repair Update on the agenda –
Kissinger/Pande – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

VI. New Business

A. Tennis Courts Repair Discussion

This item will remain on the meeting agenda for further updates.

F. Monthly Status Reports

1. Superintendent

Superintendent reports revisions to the Athletic Handbook will be brought to the next meeting agenda to address concerns surrounding transportation provided to student athletes by coaches. The Policy Subcommittee agreed the policy does not need to be revised.

Superintendent reports enrollment figures have shown a net increase of 31 students at Metcalf School alone. An additional Grade-5 classroom will be added at Metcalf. Classroom numbers are being monitored in Grades K, 3 and 6.

VI. New Business

B. Approve 2014 – 2015 Preschool Tuition Rates

MSV – To accept the proposed [Preschool] tuition schedule for 2014 – 2015 – Zuercher/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. Reports/Comments

Returned to items pulled from the consent agenda by Member McFadden.

Superintendent Erinakes answered Member McFadden's inquiry regarding the National Honor Society Advisor position.

MSV – To accept the items pulled from the consent agenda –
McFadden/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The following items were approved:

- 1. Resignations – (As recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)**
 - b. Letter from Mark Bartley resigning his position as Sr. High School National Honor Society Co-Advisor, effective August 7, 2014**
 - c. Letter from Thomas Nuzum resigning his position as Sr. High School National Honor Society Co-Advisor, effective June 20, 2014**

In response to Member Donovan's inquiry, Superintendent Erinakes said charter change language targeted for the November ballot will be brought to the Committee hopefully at the September 9 meeting.

Comment offered by Member Donovan:

The fact that there were no teacher evaluation appeals is a true success. Thank you.

Important Dates and Meetings – Monday, August 25, 2014-Wawaloam Back to School Celebration-1:30 to 3:30 PM; Tuesday, August 26, 2014-First Day of School K-12; Monday, September 8, 2014-Jr. High School Open House-5:00 to 7:00 PM; Tuesday, September 9, 2014-School Committee Meeting; Wednesday, September 10, 2014-Metcalf School Open House-6:30 to 8:00 PM; Thursday, September 11, 2014-Wawaloam Grades 1 & 2 Open House-5:30 to 7:45 PM; Thursday, September 18, 2014-Wawaloam Kindergarten Open House-Time TBD; Tuesday, September 23, 2014-School Committee Meeting

August 21, 2014 – Emergency Meeting at 6:30 PM

- X. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5**
 - A. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s)**
 - B. 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA (C-94/Teachers' Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice**
 - C. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel**
 - D. 42-46-5 (a) (3) – Security**

NONE

XI. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session

XII. Adjournment

MSV – To adjourn – Zuercher/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**